

Application No.: 10/568,809  
Art Unit: 1791

Response to Restriction Requirement  
Attorney Docket No.: 062144

**REMARKS**

Claims 1, 3-20 and 23-28 are pending. Claims 1, 3, 4, 16, 23 and 25-28 are amended and Claims 2, 21 and 22 are hereby canceled.

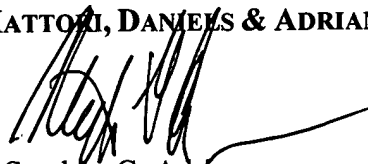
In response to the restriction requirement, applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group I (Claims 1-15) for prosecution in this application. This election is made with traverse.

It is respectfully submitted that the amended claims are sufficiently related such that the search and examination of Group I would include the search and examination of Group II. See MPEP §803 stating that if "the search and examination of all the claims in an application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine them on the merits, even though they include claims to independent or distinct inventions." It is requested that this policy be followed to avoid duplicative examination and undue costs to applicants.

If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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